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Dear Mr. Winkler:

**FY2007 PEER REVIEW OF SUPPORT COST BY FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITY REPORT
(SCFAR) – PRINCETON PLASMA PHYSICS LABORATORY**

The SCFAR Peer Review Team has reviewed the FY2007 Support Cost by Functional Activity Report of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL). The purpose of the review was to confirm that the data reported by PPPL complied with the guidelines and definitions issued by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and to fulfill a DOE-HQ requirement to have all of the reporting sites independently reviewed on a periodic basis.

The PPPL FY2007 Support Cost by Functional Activity Report Process primarily utilized a system in which a majority of the Cost Centers and Expenses Classes were mapped to a single functional support cost category. Several Cost Centers were mapped to more than one category, determined by a pre-set allocation and/or by work package separation of type of work performed within those cost centers.

There were no findings in the previous SCFAR Peer Review (9/12/05) for FY2004.

Items Identified During the FY2007 Peer Review

1. CC 6124 – Computer User Service: WP UMUS (User Support Group) categorized as Laboratory/Tech Support (\$456K)

Team Recommendation: Move cost to the Information Services Support Cost Category.
Site Response: PPPL agrees with the Peer Review Team's recommendation that the Computer User Service activity is better suited for the Information Services Support Cost Category and accepts this recommendation.

2. CC 5450 – ERWM categorized as Mission Direct (\$1,077K)

Team Recommendation: Move cost to the Environmental Support Cost Category.

Site Response: Although ERWM costs at PPPL were once direct funded by the EM program and, for consistency in reporting, PPPL continued to report ERWM costs as Mission Direct, PPPL accepts this recommendation based on the current SCFAR definition of Non-EM Waste Management under the Environmental Support Cost Category. However, PPPL's position is that determining how to categorize a particular cost should be based on the nature of that cost, and not whether the source of funding is direct or indirect, as is this case in which it appears that non-EM funded Waste Management is included as a support cost and EM-funded Waste Management is not.

Accuracy Assessment

The Peer Review Team has concluded that Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory has met the intent of the SCFAR guidelines and definitions and has achieved a level of accuracy at or above 90%.

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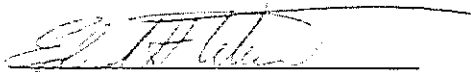
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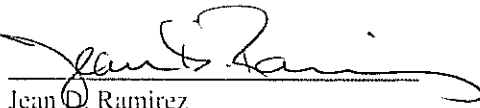
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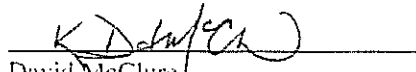
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